

# 225.7017-3 Exceptions.

DoD requires the contractor to utilize domestic photovoltaic devices in covered contracts that exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, with the following exceptions:

(a) *Qualifying country*. Qualifying country photovoltaic devices may be utilized in any covered contract, because [225.103](#) (a)(i)(A) provides an exception to the Buy American statute for products of qualifying countries, as defined in [225.003](#) .

(b) Buy American—unreasonable cost. For a covered contract that utilizes photovoltaic devices valued at less than \$182,000, the exception for unreasonable cost may apply (see FAR 25.103(c). If the cost of a foreign photovoltaic device plus 50 percent is less than the cost of a domestic photovoltaic device, then the foreign photovoltaic device may be utilized.

(c) *Trade agreements*.

(1) Free Trade Agreements. For a covered contract that utilizes photovoltaic devices valued at \$25,000 or more, photovoltaic devices may be utilized from a country covered under the acquisition by a Free Trade Agreement, depending upon dollar threshold (see FAR subpart 25.4).

(2) World Trade Organization—Government Procurement Agreement. For covered contracts that utilize photovoltaic devices that are valued at \$182,000 or more, only U.S.-made photovoltaic devices, designated country photovoltaic devices, or qualifying country photovoltaic devices may be utilized.

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